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FOR ORIGINAL UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

NONE

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(Country)

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NONE

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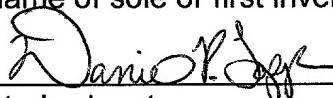
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